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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action of November 16, 2001, in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of November 16, 2001, claims 40-41, 45, 49-52, 56, 59-60, 73-74 were subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. As a result of the restriction requirement, the Examiner has divided the claims into some 13 groups (Groups I-XIII) which are alleged to constitute patentably different methods requiring patentably distinct ingredients. The Examiner further alleges that the agents used in the claims require non-coextensive searches since their structure and mode of operation is different.

However, applicants note that several of the groups can be searched in the same class and subclass. For instance, Group IV, drawn to methods for treating atherosclerosis or restenosis wherein the PSGL is PSGL-1, is classified in Class 514, subclass 2. Similarly, Group V, VI and

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